stations or to sea-ports. It is requested that the work may be taken in hand or permission given to open the road by private enterprise, giving them the monopoly of collecting toll on the road.

Reply of Government.—The proposal is said to have been considered already by the Local Fund Board and allowed to lie over for the present.

Subject No. 596.

Repairs to certain irrigation works.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the following Irrigation works with sluices may be ordered to be constructed :—

1. Uddri Vaddu.
2. Guddekoppada Vaddu.
3. Balekoppa Tank.
4. Bhangari Vaddu.
5. Koravanji Vaddu.

Reply of Government.—(1) This is a minor tank and has to be dealt with by the Revenue Department under the Minor Tanks Restoration Scheme. The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to submit a report through the Revenue Commissioner.

(2) & (3). The catchments are so insignificant that it is not worth while to spend any money on these works.

(4) & (5). Projects for these works will be investigated by the Public Works Department.

Subject No. 597.

Possession of minor tanks in Malnad.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa.

Summary of discussion.—Khatedars in Malnad have constructed tanks at their own cost for the purpose of irrigating their khate lands. During the survey settlement some of them were brought under phut kharab, to some of them separate kharab numbers were given and some were added on to adjacent unassessed waste lands, and these have not been shown in the village maps. Under Government orders the up-keep of all such minor tanks devolves on the khatedars. The khatedar is punished if any of the trees and bamboos grown in the bed of the tanks are removed. The grass is sold annually for grazing purpose under Hulbanni Rules. It is solicited that after enquiry as to the ownership of such tanks, they may be ordered to be made over to their respective owners.

Reply of Government.—Of the new grant of one lakh for tank repairs, a fair share will be given to the Malnad.

Subject No. 598.

Election of Local Board Members.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa.

Summary of discussion.—The members for the Taluk Board of Sorab were not elected at head-quarters of circles according to the rules. But the Amildar with a view to get such members as he liked elected, misunderstanding the meaning of the rule that "all the raiyats who paid Kandayam of Rs. 50 were eligible to be electors" gave notices to only those people who paid kandayam of Rs. 50 in a single village and no notices were given to those who